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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: SC-11648-63 (Attached)

      1. The subject document has had considerable trouble getting out of OSA. The document was initially submitted when you were out of the country, and it was addressed to the AD/OSA from A/D/FA/OSA. The paper was returned to me, asking me to re-address it to the DD/S&T and prepare it for AD/OSA's signature. In the meantime and while you were at ⬚ we had cable conversation with ⬚ on this same subject. I informed them that this paper had been prepared and that it would be dispatched to them in time for a copy to be given to ⬚ in order that he might prepare questions on the subject during his forthcoming seminar.

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      2. I respect the fact that these papers should go through you when you are present and feel that in this instance this is possibly a misunderstanding on your part. Since this paper was done prior to ⬚ it would have been of considerable interest during the review of the ⬚ had it been distributed when it was prepared. My first instructions for changing the addressee came from DAD/OSA; the second instructions came from EO/OSA; and the third from D/FA/OSA. I can tolerate a certain amount of bureaucracy even in OSA; however, this appears to me to be carrying it a little too far. May I ask you to take this to the front office and ask whoever returned it to you to reconsider and have the paper signed in order that we can make immediate distribution, particularly to ⬚

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      3. I cannot see where O/ID/OSA has stepped out of channels in the preparation of this paper, and I would appreciate your guidance in the preparation of such papers in the future.
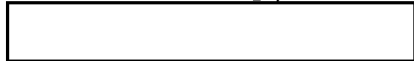
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4. This continuous indecision on the part of someone as to how these documents should be addressed and signed is destroying all incentive in ID/OSA to produce any other than the absolute minimum.

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